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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/516,497	<b>Applicant(s)</b> GOTO, MASAHIRO
	<b>Examiner</b> MAGDA CRUZ	<b>Art Unit</b> 2851

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## Status

1)  Responsive to communication(s) filed on 04 January 2008.

2a)  This action is **FINAL**.                    2b)  This action is non-final.

3)  Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

## **Disposition of Claims**

4)  Claim(s) 1 and 6-19 is/are pending in the application.  
4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5)  Claim(s) 1,6-9,18 and 19 is/are allowed.

6)  Claim(s) 10 and 14-17 is/are rejected.

7)  Claim(s) 11-13 is/are objected to.

8)  Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

## Application Papers

9)  The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10)  The drawing(s) filed on 01 December 2004 is/are: a)  accepted or b)  objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11)  The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

12)  Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
a)  All b)  Some \* c)  None of:  
1.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.  
2.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
3.  Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

1)  Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  
2)  Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)  
3)  Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_  
4)  Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_\_.  
5)  Notice of Informal Patent Application  
6)  Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

## DETAILED ACTION

### ***Election/Restrictions***

1. In view of the applicant's arguments filed on 01/04/2008, the Restriction Requirement is withdrawn. Therefore, claims 10-17 are no longer withdrawn from consideration.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 10 and 14-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Plummer.

Plummer (US Patent Number 3,718,078) discloses:

- Regarding claim 10, an optical element (Figure 4, element 10) that changes an optical path of incident light, the optical element being formed on at least one of the planes of incidence (Figure 4, element 12) and emergence, wherein a predetermined part of the optical member, selected from the planes of incidence (Figure 4, element 12) and emergence, has a plurality of minute protrusions (Figure 4, element 14) by which reflection of light incident on the predetermined part is prevented.

- Regarding claim 14, a laminar portion including the protrusions contains the protrusions in a proportion of 20 to 50% (clearly illustrated in Figure 4).
- Regarding claim 15, the optical member (Figure 4, element 10) is for use in a projection screen.
- Regarding claim 16, the optical element (Figure 4, element 10) is one that allows incident light to follow optical paths approximately parallel to one another.
- Regarding claim 17, the optical element (Figure 4, element 10) is one that allows incident light to follow dispersed optical paths.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

4. Claims 1, 6-9 and 18-19 are allowed.
5. Claims 11-13 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

***Response to Arguments***

6. Applicant's arguments, filed on 01/04/2008, with respect to claims 1, 6-9 and 18-19 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of claims 1, 6-9 and 18-19 has been withdrawn.

***Conclusion***

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MAGDA CRUZ whose telephone number is (571)272-2114. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday 8:00-5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Diane Lee can be reached on (571) 272-2399. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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